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Thames Valley District School Board
West Region

Candidate for:

Regional Chair
Regional Vice-Chair



Who am I? I'm someone who asks questions. Yes, I know, a lot of them. Not to slow things down or put up barriers, but because I believe organizations work best when we are clear about where we are going, why we are going there, we know the path we are taking truly aligns with our mission, vision, and values. I want us to remain relevant and appreciated by the individual boards who support us and the provincial government who should. Above all, like many of my colleagues at OPSBA, I am driven by a commitment to improving student success and well-being. Since becoming involved with OPSBA in early 2022, I have thrown myself fully into our work. Even through provincial supervision at my own board, I've remained actively engaged with OPSBA because I believe fiercely in what we do.

What are my strengths? My career has spanned various roles focused on administrative support, operations, governance, communications, leadership, and policy. I recently completed a Master of Professional Education (MPEd) in Equity, Diversity, and Social Justice and also earned a certificate in Communications and Public Relations.

I am a communicator. During supervision, I have maintained a website with calls to action and contact information for a number of trustees. I also helped coordinate sessions to share information about supervision and Bill 33, while continuing to update colleagues on OPSBA's activity. I've kept busy trying to keep everyone in the loop!

Finally, I am skilled at bringing people together and facilitating discussion with in-person, hybrid, and remote participation. I regularly coordinate large events and retreats. Problem-solving is my specialty, and you'll often find me with a Plan B, C, or even D in my pocket. I am extremely resilient and determined, and I thrive in a changing environment.

Why am I running for Regional Chair and/or Vice Chair? As a trustee with TVDSB, I am serving through one of the most difficult and publicly scrutinized periods in the history of our board, and probably many of your boards too. That experience reinforced for me how important a strong central organization is; especially during the turmoil and confusion that we are all experiencing. Most importantly, though, I have lots of ideas of how the Western Region can dive into the new structure and ensure robust communication with our regional boards!

Why should you vote for me? I intend to use my skills to leverage technology to be an asset rather than a barrier to productive meetings. I would like trustees across the region to get excited about attending because they know they are going to learn something new, share their own knowledge with their colleagues, and help build OPSBA up in our new uncertain landscape. I sincerely believe that with a little patience and a lot of innovation we can maintain the in-person relationships we value while making space for remote trustees to feel connected and inspired by the work we can do together. There are extraordinarily times of challenge and opportunity ahead, and I hope you will vote for me to help lead the Western Region through them.